

## NORFOLK.

THE SALISBURY POST-OFFICE ROBBED  
FULLY IDENTIFIED.Taken by Officers to Maryland--Fight in a  
Cock-Skull Fractured--  
Notes.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

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To-day Messrs. William J. Maxwell, T. M. Arrington, and Thomas Troy, post-office inspectors, connected with the department at Washington, arrived here to take the post-office books to Baltimore in the exact point to Salisbury in the district at which a United States Commissioner can be found. The process was first refused to go, and the necessary documents were telegraphed for, but later they consented, and to-night were carried on the Bay Line to Baltimore. Detectives Wilbert and Prince, who made the arrests, went along as witnesses.

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A great deal of tobacco has recently been sent to this city from other points, including Richmond, to be sold, and this in part accounts for the large offerings, as well as for the slight decline in prices during the past few days.

The Young Men's Christian Association is pressing the boom in favor of building a fine hall in this city, and the prospect is encouraging for the accomplishment of that object.

Rooms Adam,

Clay-Ward Market,

Richmond, February 16, 1888.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Please let me reply to the letter signed "D" in this morning's paper regarding Clay-Ward market. The market, instead of bringing the city in debt, will help her pay her debts. The latter was insured.

Mr. H. A. Ramsey, the successful bidder for the new iron ferry-boat, arrived from Baltimore to-day to arrange details. The bids ran from \$48,000 to \$75,300.

Rev. J. Powell Garland, of Richmond, is visiting Portsmouth. Rev. William E. Evans, of Richmond, is also in Portsmouth lecturing.

The dash of steamship Cleribell, which has been trying to tow to New York for a week, again returned from sea yesterday on account of the weather and anchored within the capes. Another start will be made to day. G.

## ROCKINGHAM.

Road Laws--United Brethren--Other  
Notes.

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## HARRISONBURG, February 15, 1888.

The speed limit law for this county, framed by the representatives from Rockingham, and which they ask the Legislature to authorize the people to vote upon in May, 1889, embodies the provisions of working the roads by contract, abolishing compulsory work upon them, the work to be paid for entirely in money to be derived from a tax levied specially for that purpose not to exceed twenty cents on the hundred dollars, thus placing the whole burden of supporting the roads upon the property-holders. There is much division of opinion upon the subject. Opponents should contribute proportion to their ability towards the expenses of public improvements in the benefits of which they share. They oppose the submission of the question to a vote also, for the reason that it postpones too long the time of taking effect if adopted, and that if defeated we would be where we are at present. Meanwhile we float in seas of mud.

Rawley Springs, eleven miles west of Harrisonburg, with 300 acres of land, has been sold at public auction to Mr. D. M. Switzer, of Harrisonburg, for \$34,70. The principal buildings were destroyed by fire a year ago. The purchaser contemplates extensive improvements to the property. The Virginia United Brethren Conference will meet in Dayton, this county, on March 14th. The conference represents a membership of 8,000 communions. Sixty ministers will probably be present.

The establishment of a bank at Broad- way, in this county, is talked of. It is to have a capital of \$20,000.

Recently the farmers of our county have been visited by parties offering clover-seed, wheat, and oats, for sale at enormous prices. One of the largest and most valuable of these is the seed of yellow faba-bean, which the vendors contrast to acreage at correspondingly high prices. Whether the crops will be realized is uncertain, but our farmers can rest assured that the negotiable notes given by them in payment for these articles will be presented on maturity.

Mr. Jacob L. Sibert, of this place, died Saturday last, in the sixtieth year of his age. He came here some years prior to the war and engaged in the hotel and afterwards in the mercantile business, and "Sibert's Corner" became a well-known name throughout the county and State. He was a gentleman of fine business capacity and strict integrity, and for years stood at the head of the business men of this community. His loss will be deeply felt by the community.

The trustees of the Lutheran congregation of Harrisonburg have purchased ground preparatory to the erection of a modern church edifice.

Dr. W. D. Armstrong has returned to his old home (Salem), where he will resume the practice of his profession.

John E. Lewis is rapidly recovering and anxiously awaits the return of his physician to return home.

## West Point Matters.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

## WEST POINT, February 16, 1888.

It is understood that a public meeting is to be held at an early day to help on a movement to obtain from Congress an appropriation for a public building here. The population, business, and governmental needs alike demand a public building.

A revival meeting is in progress at the Disciples church, Rev. Mr. Spieker, of Elizabethtown, is doing the preaching and large crowds are attending.

A concert was given at Masonic Hall last night for the benefit of the West Point Cornell Band. A large crowd attended. The band has only been organized about two months, and already gives signs of the good music it is to furnish.

It is understood that Major E. Wilkins has bought the West Point Hosiery Factory. The well-known energy, public spirit, and ability of the new owner convince all that this enterprise is to be made a greater success than ever.

The cotton season here is not yet over. Both spinning and weaving, and two foreign ships are loading.

Application has been made to the Legislature to charter a steam ferry from Elizabethtown, in New Kent, across the Pamunkey, to West Point, and across the Mattaponi to King and Queen. A bill granting the charter has passed the House and is now in the Senate. Our citizens are very much interested in the matter. The granting of the ferry is

## OLD NORTH STATE.

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RALEIGH, N. C., February 16, 1888.---There has been a good deal of talk to the effect that the counties west of the Bluff Ridge were in danger of going Republican at the next election, and it is an open secret that in that section of the State the Republicans expect to spend much money. To-day State Senator Koo Elias, of Marion county, who is perhaps the best informed man in that section and certain that one of the most influential, has written to me and informed you correspondent that upon proper organization the Democrats are anxious to succeed, and to-night were carried on the Bay Line to Baltimore. Detectives Wilbert and Prince, who made the arrests, went along as witnesses.

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Shriff H. Tuttle has resigned the position of sheriff of Caldwell county, in order to become a minister. The commissioners have elected H. M. Kent sheriff.

Dunham Brothers, grocers, of Charlotte, yesterday made an assignment to Charles H. Dials, Linthills, \$3,500, assets about the same.

The roaring noise in the wells in the vicinity of Glenwood, Johnston county, continues. The same phenomenon is now reported in Duplin county at nearly regular intervals. One well there, on the promises of C. Byrd, is thus affected. The sound is that of boiling and rumbling, and is audible a distance of nearly a hundred yards from the mouth of the well.

The young men of Salisbury night before last Johnson &amp; Ramsey's tobacco-factory was burned, with all its machinery and stock of tobacco. The latter was insured. There was no insurance on the buildings. The latter were the property of J. L. Hickman. At one time the town was in danger of destruction.

A sensational feature has developed in the robbery of H. J. White's dental office in Elizabeth City. It was robbed, kerosene thrown on the floor, and the store overthrown. The damage was only partially repaired. The people were greatly excited at this daring attempt at incendiarism. Detectives were put at work. A kerosene-bottle was found and also footprints which were clearly those of a lame man. Suspicion centered on Dr. L. B. Dobson, dentist, whose office is not far from that of Dr. White's. Dobson has been arrested and part of the stolen property found in his office in a trunk in an old trunk. Dobson went to Elizabeth City eight years ago from South Carolina, where he is said to have respectable connections. He is lame, and some say a recent attack of paralysis has impaired his mind.

From the Border.

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The Aged.

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BURLINGTON, VT.

PAGE-CRANE.  
The Marriage of Major Mann Page,  
(Elizabeth (N. J.) Leader.)

All went merrily as a marriage-bell.

Again have the South and North met in contest, and the victor has been the victor and cheerfully (for thus the fair northern agreed) to southern chivalry. Major Mann Page, from his "old Virginia home," sailed out in quest of love's conflict with our fair townswoman, Miss Kate Chandler Crane. We witnessed her surrender at discretion in St. John's church Wednesday afternoon, in the presence of many friends—all well-wishers—of this city and abroad, and with them, *suh roo*, wished her "God speed" to and in her new Virginia home. Major Page, we learn, in the unpleasantry, served bravely on the other side, and often did his best to protect the distinguished southern general, and we doubt not knew well who he was selecting as his "best man" (for his late bout of arms) in Captain Shirley Harrison, who wore also the gray. May the principal, nor he who aided in this late raid, in New Jersey, and the oldborough have never cause for regret. When we recall the fact that one of our citizens—the father of the bride—invaded Virginia long "*de te debo*" and brought back a charming widow—Mrs. Harrison—for a wife, it seems not unreasonable that the tables should be turned, and as it was with full consent of mother (for we saw her give away the bride), we may say "All is well that ends well."UNIVERSITY MATTERS--The Boiling Wells,  
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